

LOS ANGELES ORDERED TO INTEGRATE

Questioning Shakes Testimony Of NAACP's Expert Witness

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

KALAMAZOO — An NAACP contention that Benton Harbor discriminates in education was shaken Wednesday in U.S. District court.

Defense Atty. Robert Small and Judge W. Wallace Kent upset testimony by Dr. Wilbur B. Brookover, an expert witness for the NAACP in its lawsuit against the Benton Harbor school district.

Dr. Brookover had testified the educational system doesn't

give a fair deal to black youngsters. This was based on his professional experience and analysis of data from the Benton Harbor district.

He said black and white children start school at about the same level, but after the third grade white youngsters start to pull away and the gap progressively widens.

Under cross examination, Brookover couldn't recall the source of data indicating equality at the first grade level.

Judge Kent also hit at his

contention

that non-learners

should be carried through the school system even though they don't comprehend subjects.

CAN PRODUCE REACTION

Dr. Brookover, professor of sociology and education at Michigan State, said continued exposure can produce a learning reaction at most any age. This exposure and association with other students should continue through college.

Judge Kent traced the route of a non-learner through elementary, high school and college, then snapped: "And, ultimately, I suppose you'll make an educator out of him."

Brookover insisted that children learn through association with other students and it doesn't harm bright pupils to be mixed with the dull. He said there should be no division on the basis of academic achievement.

In suing to end segregation in the district, the NAACP contends that black youngsters are locked into low academic tracks from which they can't escape.

Judge Kent wondered what the bright youngster does after completing an assignment in 10 minutes while others may take an hour. Brookover replied he should be part of the teaching situation by helping slow students.

STUDENT HOMEWORK

Progress can be accelerated by giving slow learners special materials and homework. Again, Judge Kent wondered what the fast learner would be doing. The bright student also

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DR. WILBUR BROOKOVER
He couldn't remember



U.S. JUDGE KENT
He wanted to know

Must Bus 240,000 Students

Schools Say
It Means
Financial Ruin

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Attorneys for the city school system, second largest in the nation, say they will ask the California Court of Appeal to overturn a judge's order that all schools be fully integrated by September 1971.

School Supt. Robert E. Kelly said the order Wednesday by Superior Court Judge Alfred Gitelson would have "disastrous economic effects."

The 71-square-mile district has more than 653,000 pupils in 583 elementary and secondary schools, second in size only to New York City. Kelly said implementation of Gitelson's ruling would require busing of more than 240,000 youngsters—many over long distances.

\$40 MILLION COST

He estimated the cost at \$40 million the first year and \$20 million each year thereafter.

The superintendent said \$26 million has been slashed from school programs this year and to continue operations next year another cut of \$34 million to \$54 million appeared unavoidable because of failure of bond issue proposals and cutbacks in state allocations.

"To take another \$40 million out of anticipated revenue to initiate a mass busing program would mean a virtual destruction of the district," Kelly declared.

The 103-page Gitelson ruling came in response to a suit filed in 1963 by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of a number of Caucasian and Negro pupils.

The district was ordered to submit a master plan for integration by June 1 and to get it started by next September. Full integration must take place by September 1971, the court said.

Gitelson directed that the integration plan distribute students in such a manner that no one school would have more than 50 per cent or less than 10 per cent minority students.

The ACLU which was awarded \$60,000 from the school district in attorneys' fees, had argued:

"Minority students educated in segregated schools are placed in a 'cradle-to-grave track system' which insures that, as a result of the inferior education received by them in segregated schools, they will receive the worst of that which American society provides."

ESSENTIAL NEED

The court commented that an equal education in public schools is essential "to a meaningful life, to the preservation of

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U.S. Entering Blue Shield Probe

Cane Cutters Reach Canada

U.S. Youths Will Join Cuban Sugar Harvest

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (AP) — Hundreds of young Americans converged on New Brunswick's chief port today to board a Cuban freighter which will take them to cut sugar cane for Fidel Castro.

A spokesman, Bruce Jacobs of New York, said their purpose was "an act of solidarity with the Cuban revolution" and to



BRUCE JACOBS
New York City spokesman

Zollar Welcomes Battle

Agency's Contract Might Be Dropped By Michigan

As federal officials moved to find out why Medicaid administrative costs soared in Michigan last year, the state budget director announced plans to meet today with Blue Shield officials to discuss whether or not the state should drop its contract for administering the \$35-million Medicaid program.

State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor, in the Twin Cities for the Berrien County GOP's annual Lincoln Day dinner, revealed last night that the federal government had moved into the picture.

"I had a three-hour conference with officials from Washington today and they want our record on this matter for their files, and they informed me that their records are parallel with mine," Sen. Zollar said last night.

CHANGES LIKELY

Glenn S. Allen Jr., state budget director, said his meeting today with John C. McCabe, Blue Shield president, could lead to a modification or a change in the contract.

Blue Shield, a private, non-profit agency, is under fire from some lawmakers (particularly Zollar) and the Social Services department.

Zollar has charged that Blue Shield is overcharging the state for its administration of the program and that doctors are making fraudulent claims under the program, which provides medical aid for low-income people.

Zollar, the state Senate appropriations chairman, called for a complete audit of Blue Shield's Medicaid records Tuesday, and said in a press conference then that the state should renegotiate its contract with the agency.

Zollar reported Tuesday that Medicaid payments increased 12.5 per cent last year over 1968 — while Blue Shield administrative costs billed to the state went up 42.3 per cent in the same period. "We want to find out why," the senator told newsmen.

WELCOMES FIGHT

When asked last night if he felt the situation would develop into a fight between himself and Blue Shield officials, Zollar said, "I certainly welcome the fight if that's what we want to do."

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SPACE SQUAD: These five mesh-clad men may appear to be a squad of mailed warriors of the future but actually they are telephone linemen. They are clad in aluminized mesh for protection against possible radiation while working on microwave radio towers across the nation. The bazooka-like tube they are carrying, is a section of tubing that carries radio signals from an antenna down a microwave tower to an amplifier in a building below. (AP Wirephoto)

First Arrest Fun -- Leads To Another Delinquency Study Surprising

ANN ARBOR (AP) — A national study shows there is something about being caught by police that encourages teenagers to become more delinquent, reports a University of Michigan psychologist.

"We don't know why," said Dr. Martin Gold. "But whatever we are doing now in dealing with delinquent children, we must be doing wrong."

He said a national survey and another study on Flint, Mich., demonstrated that a significant number of youths arrested for law violations are more likely to repeat the actions than those that commit the same offenses but are not caught.

YOUTH INTERVIEWED Some 847 interviews were conducted in the national study and 522 interviews were made in Flint among all types of youths between the ages of 13 and 16.

Gold, a psychology professor and research scientist at the U-M Institute for Social Research, said other generalized findings from the studies included:

—The relationship between delinquency and social class, slum residency and race have been exaggerated and are only slight. He said "We find no difference in delinquency by race if you eliminate socio-economic conditions."

Rural girls seem less delinquent than suburban girls, but with boys, there doesn't seem to be much difference.

Much delinquent behavior is due to adolescent's finding themselves unable to live up to expectation in school, at home and among their friends.

Delinquent behavior is a means to achieve status among certain teenagers, particularly those with similar problems.

Black youths are more likely to be caught by police than white youths for the same violation. Gold said it was perhaps because police watch the black record."

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Parents Of War Victim Get Medal

Grand Beach GI Dies In September

GRAND BEACH — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Grand Beach have received the Navy Commendation medal posthumously for their son, Lance Corporal Bobby Gene Baker, who was killed in Vietnam last September.

The judge said that labor negotiations should be allowed between civil service workers and state agencies. However, the civil service workers still are not allowed to take a dispute to the State Labor Mediation Board.

The judge said, however, if the State Civil Service passed a no-strike rule, that it would have to be honored.

A spokesman for the Michigan attorney general's office said he did not know whether the state would appeal the ruling.

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Tablet oven fresh bread 4, 1 lb. 4 oz. loaves 89¢. Wohler's IGA, St. Joseph. Adv.



CPL. BOBBY BAKER

presentation was made by Marine First Lieutenant Earl E. Himmer of the Sixth Engineer Battalion of South Bend.

Marine Cpl. Baker, 20, died Sept. 12, 1969, from wounds he received in a truck explosion caused by enemy fire in Vietnam.

DETROIT (AP) — Preliminary cost estimates indicate the type of exhaust system needed for 1975 federal anti-pollution goals may boost a car's retail cost by \$200 to \$300, a Chrysler Corp. engineer says.

"We're only kidding ourselves if we believe we are providing equal educational opportunities

FLINT (AP) — State Board of Education Treasurer James F. O'Neill has proposed that state school aid be cut to districts with high rates of dropouts and absenteeism.

The Livonia Republican, who calls his plan "educational accountability," said districts would have to show reductions in the dropout and truancy rates in order to get their full state aid.

He said he believed the nominee probably would be Lenore Romney, wife of former Gov. George Romney because she would "have the advantage of the Romney name but wouldn't have to defend the Romney record."

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Bad Results Would Cost Schools Money

when youths aren't even in the classrooms," O'Neill said.

O'Neill made the proposal in a letter to Gov. William Milliken.

O'Neill Wednesday also discounted his chances for the Republican nomination to challenge U.S. Sen. Philip Hart in November.

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Editorial Page

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The Medical Cost News Leaves Everyone Dissatisfied

Today's Letters To Ye Ed includes a communication from Dr. John E. Doolittle, of Niles, roasting us and the entire news media for what he feels is distorted reporting of the medicare and medicaid reimbursement plan.

Having someone tee off at us for news handling is a daily experience. Either we don't give some outfit or event a big enough play, or we're over emphasizing something else.

Considering that the cost of being sick has become a widely discussed subject and that the expense of Uncle Sam's first experience in semisocialized medicine and hospitalization is being questioned, it is not surprising to receive this reaction from Dr. Doolittle.

His Letter divides into four major criticisms which can stand analysis.

No. 1. The medicare and medicaid payments are not clear money to the receiving physician. This is true. It takes money to run an office just as it does a store or a factory. We agree with his implication that most people have a highly exaggerated conception of a doctor's net income, but the example he cites does not prove his point.

The illustration is a \$40,000 reimbursement, from which \$13,000 should be deducted in office expense. Dr. Doolittle says the \$27,000 net puts this hypothetical physician in the 50 per cent IRS bracket.

Our auditor computes the tax at \$6,543, on the 10 per cent surtax base, assuming this is solely a joint return based on the standard deduction formula in the 1040 work sheets. The bite is 26.4 per cent or about half that asserted in the Letter.

Admittedly, his hypothetical doctor would hit the 50 per cent bracket if he had sufficient income beyond that medicare reimbursement.

Consequently, this comment could be a technical reply to a technically stated problem.

No. 2. That industrial wages now being paid and being sought under upcoming labor contract negotiations are inflation's best friend.

This is true. Each Administration from Eisenhower up to the present time has urged restraint in contract settlements and every editor in the business, except those on union newspapers, has repeatedly called attention to the bargaining teams paying only lip service to those White House entreaties.

The doctor, though, errs in saying the news media has downplayed those stories and overplayed the medicare-medicaid proposition.

Further, he glosses over the fact that medical and hospitalization charges have risen much faster than any other feature in the total economy. Unfortunately, this is a continuing trend.

Factoring this development into the statistics contributes noticeably to the cost of living index.

No. 3. That the politicians set the medicare-medicaid fees to begin with and created the cumbersome bureaucratic system to administer the program.

This is correct in that Congress wrote the basic legislation along the designs sketched by former President Johnson and the HEW bureaucrats devised the red tape covering a patient's admission to the doctor's office or the hospital and the eventual payment of those bills.

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It was a botched job from the outset and the longer it goes in its present form the worse it is bound to become.

Dr. Doolittle goes on to say that the politicos are trying to slide their responsibilities on to the medics now that the facts reveal medicare-medicaid to be less than what the predictions first held for the system.

This is true up to the point. It's a trademark of politics and an ingrained trait in all human nature to shake responsibility when something goes wrong. We don't uphold the weakness, but merely acknowledge that which is incontestable and probably, incurable.

However, to imply that the politicos drafted the entire scheme and handed it to the doctors as an accomplished fact is wrong.

To soften the doctors' resistance to his program, LBJ made a deal with the AMA lobby to have Blue Shield (for the doctors) and Blue Cross (for the hospitals) administer the system on a fee basis.

The Blues, regardless of what their spokesmen may contend, are the financial front runners for the doctor-hospital complex in the U.S.

Johnson's deal for all practical purposes gave the Blues managerial control of medicare-medicaid.

It is that control which is stirring the current news ferment as to where the taxpayer-supported medical-hospital program may be headed.

Running that question to earth and, more importantly, correcting whatever may be erroneous, will, rightly or wrongly, spatter everyone connected to the system.

No. 4. That we and the news media at large are crucifying one segment, the doctors, in the medicare-medicaid dilemma.

We realize it would be impossible to convince Dr. Doolittle to the contrary.

Probably there is not a story printed which does not rub somebody the wrong way and it is futile for an editor to reply to the individual complaint that he gives the news as it comes along in the manner of letting the chips fall where they may.

Medicare-medicaid is no better nor any worse than most government programs touching a wide variety of human wants or requirements. They are political solutions to problems best left to minds more expert than those filling the prescription. Because ours is a democratic society, the expert normally is bypassed in favor of those having any conceivable interest in what may be evolved.

As already mentioned, the medical profession had a visible hand in framing the health care plan for the aged and the indigent, and through the Blues, exerts a controlling voice in its administration.

The same applies to the hospitals, the nursing homes, and the drugstores.

Down the line from them, anybody earning a livelihood in health care indirectly exerts a controlling influence.

Health care is a hefty chunk in the average family budget today and is escalating much faster than the budget's standard sections on food, clothing and shelter.

Dr. Doolittle is right in saying some Washington voices are slapping it to the medics for vote catching in the November elections.

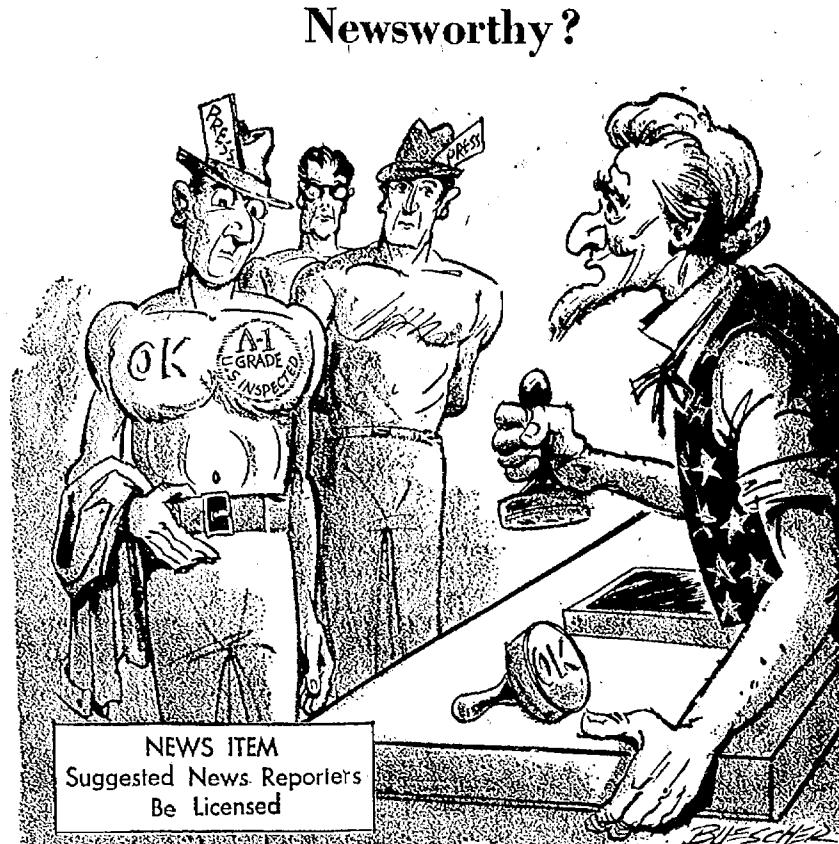
The best and the only answer to his charge is that this will always be us. Depicting a goat is a standard campaign tactic.

The present complaint, though, runs deeper than the next election.

Medicare-medicaid, as currently operated, is a danger snowballing downhill.

Unless the system is corrected, its eventual explosion because of its inherent weakness will lead to a plan even worse than that which can be salvaged.

Winter resort operators say some of their guests who fled the snows of the North are unhappy because there is no snow.



Newsworthy?

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

Our neighbors have just told us that their infant son needs an operation to relieve an obstruction of his stomach. I have been trying to tell them that this is no possible, and that they should seek a consultation. Is such a condition really possible?

Mrs. T. C. S., Ohio

Dear Mrs. S.: This is not meant to be a chastisement for offering your kind and solicitous advice to your friends and neighbors. I am sure that you are motivated to do so by a real desire to help them during a period of dis-Dr. Coleman trress. However, within the framework of your kindness, I am sure that you added unnecessary confusion to their concern.

It has been said that everyone has two businesses, their own and show business. To paraphrase this, I, as a physician, believe that everyone has a third business, namely, a part time medical and psychological advisor. Permit me to tell you that the chances are great that untrained medical advise is always hazardous. Such medical direction must come only from the doctor who is equipped to give it.

You can be certain that the doctor who has been treating the child came to his conclusion after intensive examination. It does happen that a child is occasionally born with a condition known as pyloric stenosis.

A strange enlargement of a muscle in the intestinal wall tends to obstruct the passage of food as it leaves the stomach and goes into the small intestine.

SELLS INTEREST

Geroge M. Baitinger, senior member of the undertaking firm of Baitinger and Dorner, has sold his interest to Louis Kerlikowske of Lincoln avenue. Mr. Kerlikowske is a native son of this community and the new firm will be known as Dormer and Kerlikowske.

SLEIGH RIDE

The class of boys taught by Harold M. McConnell of St. Paul's Episcopal church was entertained at a sleigh ride and drove about the city in spite of the blizzard, ending at the parish hall, where Mrs. C. E. Burchfield served supper and there was dancing.

CUTTING ICE

Lucker brothers will set a force of men at work cutting ice, which is now about four inches thick on the bayous above the bridge and of fine quality.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South, having bid one club, made the contract with six overtricks! Undoubtedly the lady has a gripe of some kind. To play at one club and make a grand slam is hardly a result likely to appeal to the feminine mind.

But I'm afraid there's nothing I can offer the lady except my deepest sympathy. The opening club bid was normal, and so was North's pass. Playing standard methods, the South hand simply does not justify a forcing bid.

Of course, making seven was exceedingly lucky. The clubs were divided 3-3, the spade situation was absolutely perfect, and East had the K-J of hearts. Certainly the lady should not change her system just because she failed to get to a slam.

The failure to reach four spades is more regrettable, for this contract would come home most of the time and, given a choice, it is where North-South should want to be.

Of course, there are bidding systems that would get you to four spades, but you can't judge the merit of a system by a single incident.

The fact is that choosing a bidding system is something like choosing a spouse. You make your selection because you think it will prove best in the long run, but you shouldn't expect to get perfect results all the time.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A tourist, driving through a college campus, approached the area where the class in logic was holding an outdoor session under the guidance of a distinguished, but now somewhat eccentric, old professor. Suddenly, the tourist stopped short before a pile of stone with a light atop it. "What's that light over there?" yelled the tourist.

"To keep fellows like you from plowing into the stones," the professor yelled back. "Well, what are the stones for?" persisted the tourist. "That should be obvious," announced the professor, turning to his students for approval. "The stones are there to put the light on."

A youngster with thick glasses was upbraided by his mother for punctuating his conversation with a string of four-letter words. "But, Mother," he expostulated, "Norman Mailer and Tennessee Williams use those words all the time." "So what?" snapped the mother. "Don't play with them!"

QUICKIES:
A maker of eyeglasses has just moved his shop to an island off Alaska, and is now known as an optical Aleutian.

A happy vacationer, fresh out of ready cash, sent a check to a bank where he already was overdrawn with this accompanying note: "Having wonderful time. Wish you would clear."

Factograph

Some dialects spoken in Assam, India, are used by as few as a dozen people.

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Threats Preceded BH Fire

South Haven Man Accused Of Torching Home

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A South Havenite accused of torching all three ground-floor exits of a Benton Harbor family's home last summer threatened the lives of the family shortly before the fire, according to testimony Wednesday in Berrien circuit court.

Eliga Davis, 49, is accused by Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor of arson in the doorway fires at the Andrew Cohn home, 421 Washington street, in the early hours of June 14, 1969.

CHILDREN INSIDE

Damage was slight and no one was injured though the home was occupied by Cohn, eight or perhaps nine children and a friend of the family, according to testimony in Judge Karl F. Zick's court.

Trial was recessed today for Lincoln's birthday but was to resume Friday morning with more prosecution witnesses. Defense Atty. William Brown of South Haven reserved his opening statement and will present it and his case later.

Cohn, his wife, Henrietta, and Mrs. Cohn's daughter by a previous marriage, Joyce Turner, 15, testified Wednesday of threats by Davis against Mrs. Cohn and the family.

Mrs. Cohn testified she had been seeing Davis but broke off the relationship. The day before the fires he threatened twice to kill her, she testified. Joyce testified Davis came to the Cohn home about 1:15 a.m. on June 14 seeking Mrs. Cohn, then threatened to kill Mrs. Cohn and all of us."

Cohn himself testified that a day or two after the fire Davis called to say "I didn't get you that time. I'll get you next time."

SMELLED GAS

Shortly after Davis left toward the rear of the Cohn house at 1:15 a.m. June 14 both Joyce and her stepfather smelled gas in the house. Sometime after this a neighbor alerted the Coehns their house was afire.

A state crime laboratory scientist, Donald S. Krupp, testified the fires were accelerated by either kerosene, gasoline or charcoal starter.

Admitted into evidence Wednesday were photographs of the house and charred wood.

Front Page, Back Page Don't Agree

Mortgage Money Available Here

Merle P. Durren, president of Benton Harbor's Peoples Savings Association, got a chuckle out of yesterday's edition of this newspaper.

On the front page was an Associated Press story telling that fast autumn's elimination of Michigan's century-old seven per cent interest ceiling on home mortgages has not made loans any easier to get.

On the back page was a Peoples Savings advertisement announcing that the association will increase its residential lending by \$1 million a month in Berrien county.

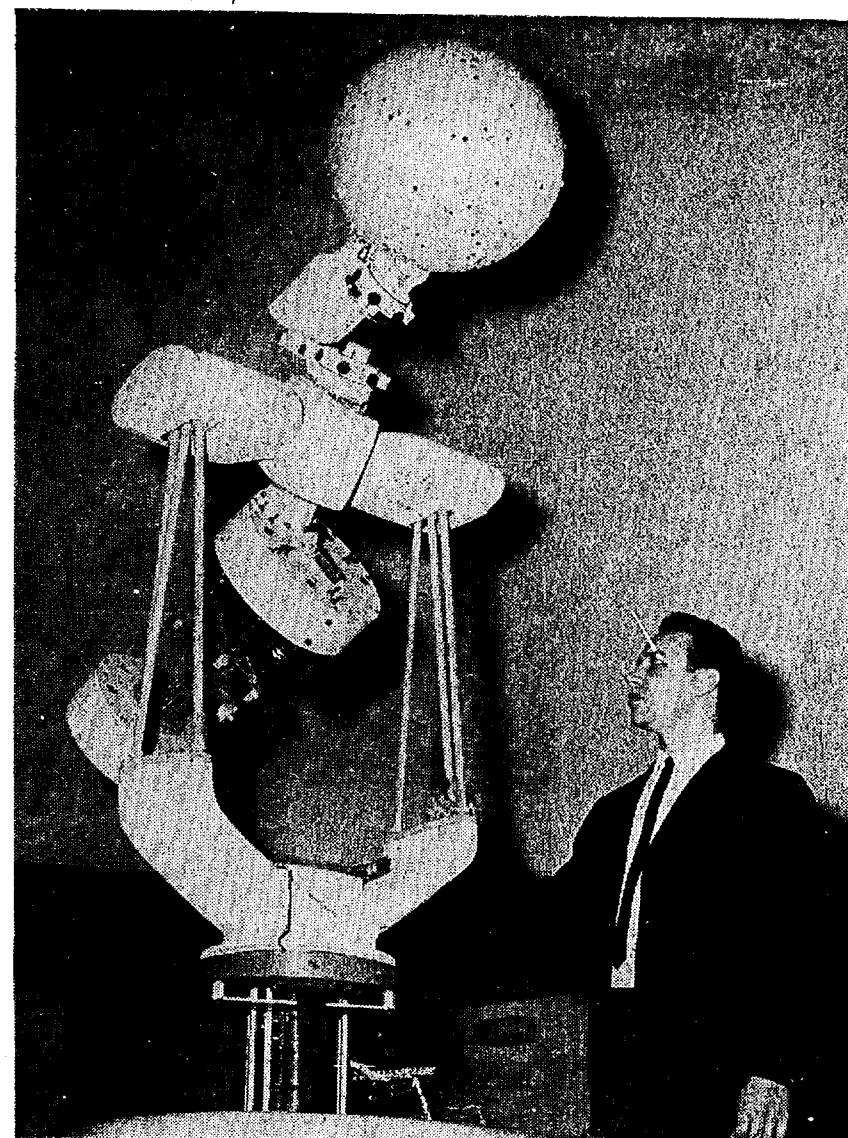
"There's no question," says Durren. "Elimination of the interest ceiling has helped us make more loans."

The AP survey, covering the entire state, said while mortgage interest rates had climbed to an average 8.19 per cent since last fall, lending institutions, in general, are not taking on an increased number of home mortgages.

A committee of the State House of Representatives thinks the Legislature may be able to change the 1969 bill that erased ceilings to be more effective in producing home loans.

FRACTURES HIP

THREE OAKS — Mrs. Howard Haman is a patient in the Pine Lake division of LaPorte Hospitals, Inc. in LaPorte, Ind., with a fractured hip. She sustained the fracture when she fell last week in Texas enroute home from a months vacation in Green Valley, Ariz.



PLANETARIUM PROJECTOR: Planetarium that will be able to duplicate the planets and stars in the night sky any place on earth and at any time will be unveiled at Upton junior high school Friday during St. Joseph teachers conference. William Bingaman, Upton science teacher, shows sophisticated projector that recreates sky display on domed roof. (Staff photo)

SJ Teachers To Gaze At The Stars Friday

In-Service Training Planned

St. Joseph public school teachers will explore the heavens and 21st century education techniques while giving their charges a Friday - the - 13th treat — no school.

Another in a series of in-service conferences will be held for the 220 teachers, kindergarten through high school, at the new Upton junior high school. It will start at 8:30 a.m. and extend until 4 p.m.

TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers have set up a series of in-service conferences, some of them on their own time and a couple on school time.

Theme of the all-day session is "Space Education — 2000 A.D." Upton junior high school's \$50,000 planetarium will

be unveiled during the program. Douglas E. Nichols, Brown school principal and chairman of the in-service conference, said David DeBruyn, curator of astronomy at the Grand Rapids public museum, will speak. "He will outline the educational and social implications of space technology during the next 30 years," Nichols said.

Morton Matson, planetarium director of Lansing Community college, will demonstrate the new planetarium projector.

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Lack Of Mirror Costs Mayor \$18

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith has paid a \$6 fine and \$12 in court costs on a traffic ticket issued to him by Benton Harbor police Jan. 24.

The ticket charged the mayor with not having a rear view mirror on the right side of his auto as required on his driver's license. Smith paid the fine in the Benton Harbor branch of the Fifth District court.

The ticket was issued following an auto accident in which the mayor's auto was struck in the rear by a truck on Main street in downtown Benton Harbor.

Mayor Smith said he had no knowledge that the restriction had been placed on his license. A spokesman for the license bureau said the mirror was required in some cases to help side vision.

The planetarium projector is installed, but some 60 reclining chairs which permit easy viewing of the planetarium ceiling still have to be placed.

William Bingaman, science instructor at Upton junior high,

has been learning how to operate the projector. He is currently setting up a schedule to permit viewing by groups in the future.

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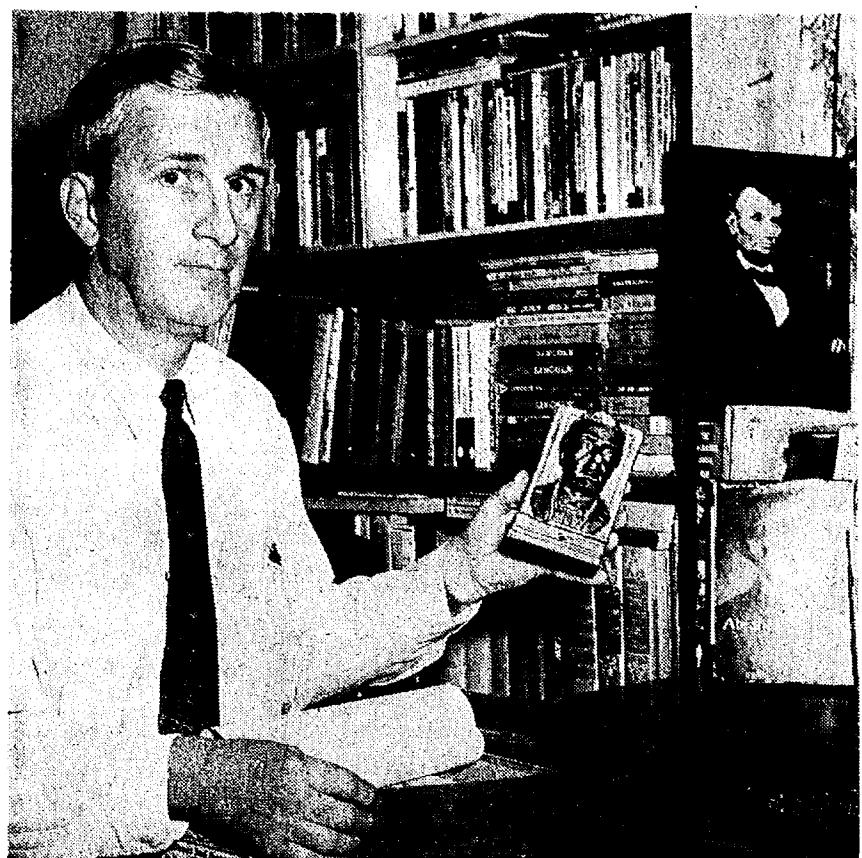
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GOVERNOR CALLS FOR 'DIVERSITY' IN GOP



COLLECTION OF A NAMPSAKE: Eugene Lincoln of Berrien Springs shows some samples of Abraham Lincoln hair he has collected over past 28 years. Lincoln said his interest began when he wondered if his family and Abraham Lincoln could be related. Lincoln said it appears there is no relationship, but his hobby has continued over the years. (Staff photo)

Berrien Springs Man's Hobby Is Lincoln Lore

No Kin But Name's The Same

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Although he doesn't think there is any family relationship, Eugene Lincoln of 509 Krohn avenue is proud of his hobby as a collector of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln used the 161st birth day of the nation's 16th president to show some of his collection. It includes about 60 books and numerous newspaper clippings and photographs, collected over the past 28 years.

He said his hobby began in 1942 when he listened to the old radio program "We the People" and wondered if his family was related somewhere along the line to Abraham Lincoln.

Isaac R. Diller of Springfield, Ill., appeared on the radio program, recounting tales of boyhood play with Lincoln's children in Illinois.

PROBABLY NO KIN

Eugene Lincoln wrote to Diller and received a postcard in reply, along with the first of several magazine publications concerning the life of Lincoln. A check with the Lincoln National

Life Institute in Ft. Wayne, Ind., has since revealed that there is probably no family relationship.

However, Lincoln's father, Albert, was called "Abe," and he has a brother named Abraham, all of which bring the former president close to the local family.

The postcard from Diller started Eugene Lincoln on his hobby. He was 18 then and resided in Marion, Ind. Lincoln for 22 years was employed with Farm News, a state-wide farming publication there. He moved to Berrien Springs about 3½ years ago and now is employed by Andrews University Press.

Lincoln said his greatest interest is in President Lincoln centers in the Civil war years. Lincoln's speeches are of particular interest to Lincoln.

"Some people find speeches dull. I find them interesting, because they can have something important to say."

Lincoln said he is interested in the war years, "as it affected him (Abraham Lincoln) and as he affected it." Lincoln recounted how the president, as a congressman in the 1840's was unpopular because of his opposition to the Mexican war.

Lincoln said he is one of some 5,000 persons directly interested in Lincoln's lore. He explained the tremendous current popularity of Abraham Lincoln, as he sees it:

"I think he had some points about him that make him a folk hero. I think that he died at the right time."

Lincoln believed that had not President Lincoln been shot near the start of his second term April 13, 1865, he might have gone down as an unpopular president.

Political battles that evolved during the war's reconstruction years were cited as the reason by Eugene Lincoln who mused that President Lincoln might have been the one to be impeached. That fate fell to Lincoln's vice president and successor in office, Andrew Johnson. He was impeached by the Senate, but not removed from office.

WRITES ARTICLES

Eugene Lincoln said he has written several articles dealing with the president and visits historic places regarding Lincoln, but only when he happens to be near them.

One publication by Lincoln pinpoints what Eugene Lincoln terms "Five II's that Made

Says Party Must Open Up To Poor

Addresses 500 Republicans At Lincoln Dinner

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

If the Republican party is going to play a major role in solving the nation's problems of the coming decade it will have to bury its separate interests and work together in pursuit of the goals shared by all.

Gov. William G. Milliken conveyed this thought last night as he spoke before approximately 500 persons attending the annual Berrien county GOP Lincoln Day dinner at the Hilton Inn, M-139 near I-94 interchange.

"We must restore to this party the diversity it had at its birth, to make it more than it is now or has been since its beginnings . . . a party which truly reflects the deep and abiding pluralism of American society," Gov. Milliken said.

"The plain fact is that if we as a party are going to solve the problems of the seventies, we must open our doors to admit more of those people who are experts in the problems.

"How can we know what we need to know about racism in America, unless we have far more blacks in the Republican party than we have now?" Gov. Milliken asked. "And how are we going to know more about the hopes and aspirations of the young and the problems of the poor, unless they are adequately represented in our party?"

MUST SEE NEARNESS

Milliken told his audience the GOP certainly had nothing to be ashamed of, but it must recognize its weaknesses so that in the coming decade the Republican party can be made strong enough to lead the nation in the solution of its problems.

"Certainly, the temptation to raise our voices individually and our party voice in shouts of outrage will be great," Gov. Milliken said. "The young will shout at the old, the rich at the poor, blacks at whites, farmers at city dwellers, and none of the shouting will solve anything — no hatred will end pollution; no violence will vanquish crime; no insults will abolish poverty."

Abraham Lincoln will be honored today throughout America and Gov. Milliken in closing reiterated the words Lincoln spoke in his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and to lay him in the quiet grave after peace among ourselves and with all nations."

In a press conference for local news media held prior to dinner, Gov. Milliken said he has not yet decided whether he'll run for Governor in the fall and would not indicate who he felt would be the GOP's candidate against U. S. Senator Philip Hart or who he would like to see run for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket.

The award lets I&M cross a farm on Kerlikowske road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Schmuhl, with a 138,000-volt power transmission line and two 125 foot supporting towers.

A trio of commissioners in the court of Judge Ronald Lange brought in the verdict following three days of trial and about an hour and a half of deliberation.

Appraisers set low and high damages, between which commissioners had to choose, at \$6,730 and \$32,000. The Schmuhs' land is fruit orchard and the power line will cross a lake there.

Pullman Firemen Elect Officers

PULLMAN — The Pullman fire department elected officers at their last meeting. Re-elected were Nelvin De Weerd, fire chief; Wayne Blanchard and T.C. Blanchard, assistant fire chiefs, and James McCracken, president of the Pullman Fire Department. Harry Larson was elected secretary.



GOP BRASS: Gov. William G. Milliken (center) is seen with 4th District U.S. Congressman Edward Hutchinson (left) of Pennville, and U.S. Marshal for Western Michigan Marvin G. Washington, former Benton township resident, who now resides in Grand Rapids. Hutchinson and Washington were just two of many GOP federal, state and local officials on hand for county GOP Lincoln Day dinner last night at Hilton Inn, at which the Governor spoke. (Staff photo)

Bloom'dale Grant Gets Priority

Proposed Sewage Plant Placed No. 11 On List

BLOOMINGDALE — Members of the Bloomingdale village council last night learned the village has been designated No. 11 out of 167 projects in order of priority for construction grants in Michigan for sewage treatment systems.

A letter was read last night from the construction grants administrator of the Water Resources Commission which said Bloomingdale has been assigned 25 points. It is necessary for a community to have 15 points to be near the top of the priority list for grants. The points are based on financial need and on water pollution control needs.

In October, the council formally filed an application for a \$80,130 grant with the WRC. Bloomingdale has been ordered by the WRC to cease pollution of Haven, Melvin and Dickerson creeks by building a sewage treatment plant.

In other business, the council voted to purchase \$500 worth of stock certificates from the Bloomingdale Area Centennial Committee. The stocks will be redeemable if the centennial shows a profit.

Council members Stephen Dickerson, Robert Van Horn and Jim Petty were named the village's representatives to a meeting of the Van Buren County Planning Commission on Feb. 25 in Bangor. The present status of the state recreational bond program and the latest procedures for submission of applications will be discussed.

The council voted to donate \$50 to Blossomtime, Inc., to help support the 1970 festival.

Clerk Richard M. Dickerson was authorized to secure an auditing firm and set up books as required by the Michigan Department of Highways for the coming year.

Bills totaling \$1,404 were approved for payment.

Clark Credit Union Notes '69 Growth

BUCHANAN — Clark Credit Union Savings last year increased by 23 per cent over 1968 to a total of \$2,611,434. Vern Lubben, manager, reported this week during the annual meeting of the credit union held in Buchanan high school.

Lubben said assets rose to \$3,252,272, adding that the organization serving Clark Equipment Co. employees here and at Cassopolis and Dowagiac, has 3,054 members.

Frank Allee was elevated from vice president to president of the credit union. He reported that a 5½ per cent semi-annual dividend and a 10 per cent loan interest rebate were paid to members for 1969.

Other officers elected were, Harold Holmes, vice president; and Mary Ann Anderson, secretary. Lubben was re-elected treasurer - manager.

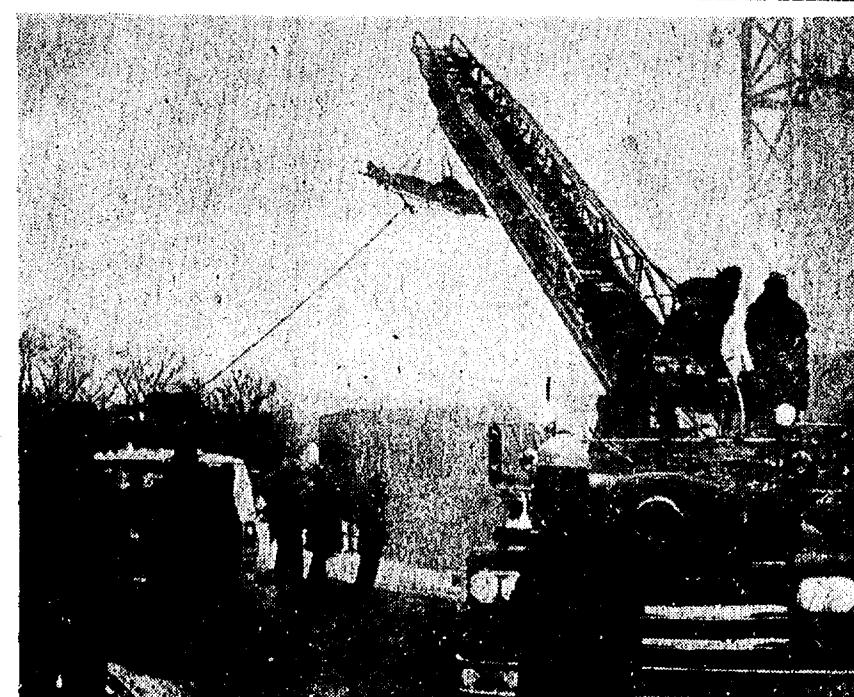
SJ HIGH Three Night Classes

Openings in three St. Joseph high school adult education courses were announced today and persons interested can still enroll without losing instruction time.

There are openings in blueprint reading for machine trades, taught Mondays by Fred Harrsen; clothing construction (Bishop method) held Tuesdays and taught by Mrs. Carol Harju and advanced interior decorating conducted Thursdays by Mrs. Patricia Burr.

Interested persons can call Mrs. Virginia Waits at 983-7175 for information on the classes. Mrs. Waits said there are also a few openings in cake decorating, oil painting and shorthand and typing.

TUITION OKAYED PETOSKEY (AP) — Officials of St. Francis Catholic School here have voted to charge tuition for the first time.



AERIAL RESCUE: Kalamazoo Fire Department rescuers Wednesday turned a ladder truck into a crane to lower an injured Allied Paper Co. worker to the ground from a 50-foot tower. Clarence J. Bowers, 51, of rural Gobles, was checking a coal conveyor system supported by the tower when his foot was caught in a moving bucket. He suffered a severe fracture of the left leg and is listed in fair condition today at Bronson hospital. (AP Wirephoto)